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him to turn
of that on logs
and use it
do not shake
it as there is
a black sediment
in it that
makes spots
in the pictures
Thank you very
much I don't
use my string
nails. Are the
boys getting
any work
for this
winter. Tell
them I want
some when
I come home
so they had
better get some
now as I have
said before I
must close
with love
Harnet.

October 3rd 1899.

My dear Mamma:-

I guess you will
be somewhat surprised when you
know what I have ^{been} doing
to-day but I guess I will begin
with last Saturday night. I went
down with Charles as you know and
got there about seven o'clock. Saw
Helen Foster in Portland before we
went down to the boat. She was
waiting for a car and so did
not see her long. We go to Portland
a new way now or at least we did
Saturday night. We go to Westbrook
Sacarappa on the P. R. R. R. & then
take the electric. if we are going
home we save five cents but the
fare to Portland is just the same
as if we went all the way on
the railroad.

Well I had a lovely time at Peaks.
It was awful cold but I had a good
time just the same. We got out to
Gorham the same time Anne &
Grace did and had a little supper
out in the kitchen. Everyone was
getting ready for the reception.
I had to hurry and get my dress
changed so that I could get down
stairs as I had to lend the door.

We had a real nice time only
I got rather tired. About nine o'clock
Mr. Corthef said he was going to
let all of the scholars who wanted
to go into Portland to-day and go
to the Musical Festival off from
school. He said he thought we ought
to hear Madame Seubrich and
that we could get good tickets.

The outcome of it all was that
over a hundred of us went into
Portland this morning on the
eight o'clock train and we to
the Festival. We made a rush
for the Amory as soon as

Pembroke was the most beautiful
singer I ever heard or ^{ever} expect to hear.
She is said to be the greatest ~~soprano~~
singer in America. We missed our
train that we intended to take
and had to wait until three
o'clock. I went down to the stable
a little after two o'clock thinking
perhaps ~~that~~ that papa was in
and I felt bad enough when I
found that he had just gone.
I would have given considerable
to have seen him. I am pretty
tired to night but am awful
glad I went to ~~the~~ Mrs. Pembroke.
I hope you will not care. The fare
in the P.R.R. & return was only
thirty cents. I shall not expect to
go any where else this winter now
that I must to that. I guess if it keeps
on growing cold I shall have to come
home for my winter cloak and
hat as my thin shawl is looking
rather summeryish.

Well, I can't stop to write any more

to-night and
have quite a
lot of studying
to do.
Why don't you
write longer
letters? I got
your letter &
the cheese cloth
all right &
thank you
very much.
I'm sending
it.
Tell Ernest that
there is some
looming solution
in a bottle
marked Solis.
Looming Solution
but it is not
good. If he
uses it tell

we struck Portland and got lovely
seats on the ground floor as
near the front as we wanted to go.

They were only 25¢ tickets but you
know we are scholars and so got in
at reduced rates. I heard Mme.
Macmuda, Mme. Penbrich, Miss
Cushing, Mr. Pepper, & Mr. Julian Walker.

They were the soloists this morning.
Mme. Penbrich sang purposely for
the school children and will not
sing again except Wednesday night
and the tickets are from \$2 to \$4.
Just think what a lucky chance it
was for us as she sang the same
solos she will Wed. night.

The chorus sang parts if not
the whole of "The Messiah" and
some other things. I never heard
such singing in my life.

The orchestra was lovely. Mme.